

U.S. Application No. 09/926,598
Amendment

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A method for determining timings for buy/sell decisions for financial instruments, the method comprising:
 - identifying one or more instruments, each of the one or more instruments comprising at least a financial asset or at least a tradeable security;
 - determining technical strength of each of the one or more instruments based on market characteristics associated with that instrument, the market characteristics comprising one or more trade volumes, one or more trade prices and one or more directions of movements of trade prices;
 - ranking the one or more instruments based upon their technical strengths;
 - determining fundamental strength of each of the one or more instruments;
 - ranking the one or more instruments based upon their fundamental strengths; and
 - generating at least a buy signal or at least a sell signal for at least one of the one or more instruments based on the technical strength ranking and the fundamental strength ranking.
2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more trade volumes comprising at least one volume index which is calculated as a ratio of actual trade volume over a length of time to average trade volume over that length of time.
3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein a table is created listing one or more volume indices over a predetermined period of time of the one or more instruments, respectively, in ascending or descending order.

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4. (Cancel)
5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, wherein an instrument from the one or more instruments having a combination of high volume index and upward price movement is determined to be having upward technical strength or momentum up or both.
6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, wherein an instrument from the one or more instruments having high volume index and downward price movement is determined to be having downward technical strength or momentum down or both.
7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the fundamental strength is determined based on at least market sector or at least possible market capitalization.
8. (Cancel)
9. (Currently Amended) A system for determining timings for buy/sell decisions for financial instruments, the system comprising:
data processing means adapted to a computer readable medium which stores instructions executable by at least one processor to
 identify one or more instruments, each of the one or more
instruments comprising at least a financial asset or at least a tradeable security,
 determine technical strength of each of the one or more
instruments based on market characteristics associated with that instrument, the market
characteristics comprising one or more trade volumes, one or more trade prices and one
or more directions of movements of trade prices,
 rank the one or more instruments based upon their technical
strengths,

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determine fundamental strength of each of the one or more instruments,
rank the one or more instruments based upon their fundamental strengths, [and]
generate at least a buy signal or at least a sell signal for at least one of the one or more instruments based upon the technical strength ranking and the fundamental strength ranking[;], and
~~means for outputting~~ output information associated with the generated signal.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium which stores instructions executable by at least one processor to determine timings for buy/sell decisions for financial instruments by performing steps of:

identifying one or more instruments, each of the one or more instruments comprising at least a financial asset or at least a tradeable security;
determining technical strength of each of the one or more instruments based on recorded market characteristics associated with that instrument, the market characteristics comprising one or more trade volumes, one or more trade prices and one or more directions of movements of trade prices;
ranking the one or more instruments based upon their technical strengths;
determining fundamental strength of each of the one or more instruments;
ranking the one or more instruments based upon their fundamental strengths; and
generating at least a buy signal or at least a sell signal for at least one of the one or more instruments based upon the technical strength ranking and the fundamental strength ranking.

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31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising identifying at least a subset of the one or more instruments for which technical strength meets a predetermined threshold.
32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the determining the fundamental strength comprises:
comparing the one or more of the group of the selected variables with one or more predetermined benchmarks, respectively.
33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32 further comprising determining whether the instrument exhibits bullish or bearish behavior based upon the comparing.
34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33, wherein the group of the selected variables for the determining the fundamental strength comprises:
(i) Dividend yield.
35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33, wherein the group of the selected variables for the determining the fundamental strength comprises:
(ii) NTA/Price
(iii) P/E
(iv) P/EBITDAPS
(v) P/EVAPS
(vi) Discount to Historical High or Premium to Historical Low
(vii) Gearing level
(viii) Discount/Premium to Brokers' Recommended Buy/Sell Price
(ix) Price to sales per asset or security
(x) Market capitalisation
(xi) Stocks which are market leaders or have a position of market dominance or high market share in their respective industry/principal market